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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL, EG, IS, UN
SUBJECT: RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

REFS: A) SINAI 1939, B) SINAI 2197, C) SINAI 2202

1. ON NOVEMBER 23 SFM REPORTED TWO BUFFER ZONE INTRUSIONS PROBABLY INVOLVING IDF RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION SUGGESTS FLIGHTS WERE MADE BY A SINGLE IDF PLANE EXECUTING SEVERAL RECONNAISSANCE PASSES.

2. IDF LIAISON OFFICE JERUSALEM TELEPHONED SHORTLY AFTER SFM REPORTS ASKING FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT IDENTIFY AIRCRAFT. WE PROVIDED AVAILABLE DETAILS AND SUGGESTED THAT FLIGHTS COULD HAVE BEEN ONE AIRCRAFT MAKING THREE PASSES OVER BUFFER ZONE.

3. UNEF HQ. ISMAILIA SITREP NOVEMBER 24 CONFIRMS THIS THESIS. SWEDBATT (IN NORTHERN BUFFER ZONE) REPORTED ON MORNING NOV. 23 OBSERVATION OF SINGLE JET AIRCRAFT THAT QUOTE CORRESPONDS TO SIGHTINGS FURTHER SOUTH WHICH INDICATE THAT THE AIRCRAFT FLEW
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FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, TURNED AROUND AND RETURNED NORTH THEN TURNED AGAIN AND MADE ANOTHER SOUTHWARD PATH. END QUOTE.

4. UNEF HQ. ISMAILIA HAS INFORMED UNHQ JERUSALEM THAT A RECCE FLIGHT CONSISTS OF ONE PASS ONLY ALONG BUFFER ZONE MEDIAN LINE AND THAT REPETITIONS AS ABOVE CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE PROTESTED. UNEF NOTED THAT, QUOTE: ALTHOUGH CLEAR

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IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT CANNOT BE MADE WHEN ALTITUDE IS
15,000 FEET PLUS, TIME OF FLIGHT IN SOME CASES AS WELL AS
DIRECTION OF ENTRY AND EXIT INTO BUFFER ZONE CONSTITUTES
ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR US TO CONSIDER IT AS IDENTIFIED. END QUOTE

5. WE ARE CONTINUING TO APPLY UNEF CRITERIA (SINAI 1939)
FOR RECCE FLIGHTS IN DETERMINING INTRUSIONS.
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